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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a computer professional that has been following the Microsoft antitrust case, I personally feel this has all been a waste of time and money. This case is damaging the economy. I am afraid for any recourse if we allow this litigation to continue.

Microsoft has done everything in their power to get this case resolved but there seems to be no end in sight. I was glad when a settlement was reached in November, but now that several states and companies want to pursue further litigation, it's upsetting. Microsoft did not get off as easy as its opponents would have you think. They went through years of extensive negotiations and mediation. Microsoft agreed to disclose various internal interfaces of their operating system to the competition. This makes them vulnerable. How many other software companies would agree to disclose such proprietary information to their competitor's? Yet, this doesn't seem to be enough.

What does it take to resolve this dispute? Let's end this litigation so we can move on to more pressing issues facing Americans. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Senator Larry Craig

Sincerely,  
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